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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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SUBJECT: DRY LAND AGRICULTURAL PROJECT

1. MESSRS. DANFORD AND DEWIT OF DANFORD, CHAMPLIN FARMS, ACCOMPANIED BY WILBUR ROGERS OF COLORADO DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE, FOLLOWING DISCUSSION AT DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE, CALLED AT IRN MARCH 14. FIRM HAS BEEN IN NEGOTIATIONS OVER LAST 8 MONTHS WITH MEDI SAMII OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BANK OF IRAN CONCERNING A JOINT VENTURE FOR DEVELOPMENT LARGE DRY LAND FARM TRACT IN NORTHERN PART OF COUNTRY (VNING IS WELL INFORMED ON PROJECT).

2. UNTIL NOW FIRM HAS NOT SIGNED CONTRACT BECAUSE IT WISHED TO BE CERTAIN THAT IT COULD FULFILL MACHINERY NEEDS BEFORE ENTERING FINAL AGREEMENT WITH BANK. MACHINERY FOR FIRST PILOT PLOT STAGE HAS NOW BEEN SET ASIDE SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS PROJECT BY DEERE & CATERPILLAR. IT IS NECESSARY AT THIS POINT FOR PROJECT TO MOVE AHEAD IF THIS EQUIPMENT IS TO REMAIN AVAILABLE IN VIEW WORLDWIDE SHORTAGE FARM MACHINERY.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE CONTACTING SAMII TO INFORM HIM OF ABOVE AND INQUIRE WHEN HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE UNCLASSIFIED

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MR. DANFORD OR COMPANY REPS TO COMPLETE CONTRACT

NEGOTIATIONS AND GET PROJECT UNDER WAY.

4. IN PREVIOUS VISITS OF COMPANY REPS THEY HAVE MET WITH
MINISTER ROUHANI AND MIR-HEIDAR WHO APPARENTLY SAW GREAT
MERIT IN PROJECT.

5. YOU MAY ALSO WISH TO KEEP UNDER SECS MEHRAN AND SEPEHRI
INFORMED OF THIS PROJECT AND ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS IN VIEW OF
JOINT COMMISSION'S INTEREST IN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

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